

BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE.



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by the

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*To the Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors of the Borough of Maidstone.*

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the Borough of Maidstone for the year 1940.

On the instructions of the Ministry of Health, the usual complete statistics and particulars have been compiled and are kept for record purposes, but the urgent need for economy in labour and paper necessitates the curtailment of the report to fresh developments in the year and to matters of interest and importance and reference is made only to such items as have not been dealt with in previous reports.

The Council is well aware of the difficulties under which the Health Department has laboured and the additional work which has been placed on the Officers. It has been almost impossible to obtain the requisite additional staff or to replace men called up for war service, while the amount of work required has been increased by every new instruction and requirement of the war effort, such as civil defence, evacuation, salvage and rationing. It has been inevitable that some of the work has had to be deferred and the late appearance of this report is due to the volume of additional duties which has been imposed on an already depleted staff.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

MAIDSTONE,

P. JACOB GAFFIKIN.

*December 12th, 1941.*

## General Statistics.

AREA.—5,942 acres.

POPULATION :—Census 1921—37,448.

,, 1931—42,259.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, 1940.

For calculation of Birth rates ... 49,070

For calculation of Death rates, etc. 49,970

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1940) ACCORDING TO RATE  
BOOKS, 13,212.

RATEABLE VALUE—£471,399.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE—£1,860.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics

For Infantile Mortality rates.      For Birth rate.

LIVE BIRTHS.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	389	360	749	385	355	740
Illegitimate	11	16	27	11	15	26
	400	376	776	396	370	766

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population... 15·44

Live birth rate for England and Wales ... 14·6

STILL BIRTHS. .... 15

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ..... 19

DEATHS ... Total 663      Male 330      Female 333

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population..... 13·28

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List) :—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
No. 29 Puerperal sepsis.....	nil.	nil.
No. 30 other puerperal causes	nil.	nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births.....	31·8
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live births .....	30·7
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 live births .....	—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .....	80
„ „ Measles (all ages) .....	nil.
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages).....	nil.
„ „ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) .....	5

SCHOOL CLINICS. The upheaval caused by the war and the limitation of school opening and attendance caused some dislocation of the clinics, but these were augmented by visits to the schools and the service of the clinics has been available both for Maidstone children and evacuees.

INFANT WELFARE. Details of the work of the Infant Welfare department are set out below.

No. of first visits paid to the homes of Infants	...	...	631
Total number of visits paid to homes of Infants	...	...	2381
" " " Children	...	...	3552
No. of first visits paid to Ante-Natal Cases	...	...	140
Total visits paid to Ante-Natal Cases	...	...	259
Attendances of Mothers at Old Palace	...	...	4353
" Infants "	...	...	3776
" Children "	...	...	1304
" Mothers at Barming	...	...	1629
" Infants at Barming	...	...	1263
" Children "	...	...	604
" Mothers at Mangravet	...	...	1280
" Infants "	...	...	915
" Children "	...	...	773
Medical Inspections at Old Palace	...	...	102
" Barming	...	...	51
" Mangravet	...	...	50
Ante-Natal Clinics held	...	...	52
Individual Mothers attending	...	...	278
TOTAL ATTENDANCES	...	...	369
Number of Health Talks given	...	...	48
Infants and Children seen by Doctor at Old Palace	...	...	1952
" " " Barming	...	...	777
" " " Mangravet	...	...	825
Average Attendance of Infants and Children at Old Palace			50
" Number seen by Doctor at Old Palace	...	...	19
" Attendance of Infants and Children at Barming	...	...	36

Average Number seen by Doctor at Barming	...	..	15
„ Attendance of Infants and Children at Mangravet...			34
„ Number seen by Doctor at Mangravet	...	...	17
Individual Mothers attending at Old Palace	...	...	630
„ Infants	„	„	249
„ Children	„	„	285
„ Mothers	„	Barming	141
„ Infants	„	„	73
„ Children	„	„	108
„ Mothers	„	Mangravet	107
„ Infants	„	„	30
„ Children	„	„	123

**HOSPITALS.** The West Kent General Hospital and the Kent County Ophthalmic & Aural Hospital are included in the Emergency Medical Services scheme and additional beds for war casualties have been provided. These hospitals have done good service in the treatment of casualties from air raids and the wounded and sick from overseas, especially after Dunkirk, and the closest liason and co-operation with the Health Department have been secured. The Corporation Maternity Hospital at South Park has continued to work well and has been of the greatest value. Much credit is due to the medical and nursing staff, who have made a success of the improvised hospital.

Births notified in the year: 766 live births, 15 still births. Total 781.

Confinements at patients' homes 426; in hospitals and nursing homes 355.

Milk supplied to expectant and nursing mothers and for infants, in necessitous cases:

Fresh milk	...	844 gallons.
Dried milk	...	851 lbs.

Maternity outfits supplied 7.

### **CHILD LIFE PROTECTION. (Section 206 to 220 of the Public Health Act, 1936.)**

(a) Number of persons receiving children for reward on the Register at the end of the year	...	...	...	22
(b) Number of children on the Register:—				
(i.) at the end of the year	.....			25
(ii.) who died during the year	.....			—
(iii.) on whom inquests were held during the year...	.....			—
(c) Number of Infant Protection Visitors at the end of the year who were:—				
(i.) Health Visitors...	.....			4

## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

**WATER SUPPLY.** The details of the springs, wells and reservoirs belonging to the Maidstone Water Company have been described in previous reports and during the year there have been no extensive developments. The arrangements for the inspections and patrolling of the sources and the chemical and bacteriological control of the water have continued to work satisfactorily. The tables showing the results of these examinations have been prepared as usual but are omitted from this report and are being preserved for reference.

Below is a table showing the average results of the chemical analysis of the water during the year.

Average results, 1940.	BOARLEY.	COSSINGTON.	FORSTAL.	EWELL.	BOXLEY.
Total Solid Residue ... ..	24.9	23.3	36.2	30.3	20.6
Chlorine ... ..	15.4	1.37	2.25	1.92	1.34
Nitrogen (Nitrates) ... ..	0.49	0.38	0.37	0.30	0.13
Nitrogen (Nitrites) ... ..	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Ammoniacal Ammonia ... ..	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Albuminoid Ammonia ... ..	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Iron ... ..	0.005	0.014	0.003	0.002	0.002
Oxygen absorbed ( $\frac{1}{4}$ hour at 27° C.)	0.0036	0.0034	0.0040	0.0030	0.0030
" " (4 hours at 27° C.)	0.0065	0.0061	0.0069	0.0049	0.0049
Total Hardness ... ..	16.01	15.6	23.7	14.5	14.5

**RIVERS AND STREAMS.** No further action in connection with possible pollution of the Medway and its tributaries has been possible during the year.

**CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.** The position regarding the various types of sanitary convenience in the Borough remains approximately the same as in 1939.

W.C's. discharging into the sewer system	...	...	12,776
W.C's. discharging into cess-pools	...	...	152
Earth closets or privy middens	...	...	81
Pail closets	...	...	65

## Sanitary Inspection of the Area

### TABLE OF WORK OF THE SANITARY INSPECTORS.

The calling-up of a large proportion of the staff and the many additional duties now required have made it difficult to maintain the routine inspections and other sanitary work, but this table shows that a large amount of work has been accomplished.



Accumulations of manure and other refuse removed .....	6
Bakehouse inspections.....	20
Chimneys repaired .....	7
Cement sinks removed and glazed provided.....	3
Cooking Stoves renewed or repaired .....	5
Cowsheds, Dairies or Milkshops inspected .....	16
Common Lodging House inspections .....	8
Coppers repaired .....	8
Drains cleansed on complaint or by flushing staff .....	1990
,, choked and cleansed .....	149
,, reconstructed .....	16
,, tested with smoke .....	17
,,         ,, water.....	16
,, inspection chambers provided .....	14
,,         ,,         ,, airtight covers provided .....	14
,, stoneware pipes laid .....	312
,, iron pipes laid .....	—
,, trapped from sewer and ventilated .....	5
Dustbins provided.....	56
Factory, workshop, workplace and outworkers' premises inspections.....	70
Fresh air inlets provided.....	1
Grates renewed or repaired.....	4
Houses, cement floors provided in cellars.....	2
,, floors to living-rooms provided or repaired .....	18
,, chuting or guttering repaired or renewed.....	23
,, roofs repaired.....	35
,, rooms, dirty or loose paper removed and walls and ceilings repaired or distempered .....	87
,, walls made dry by insertion of damp course or other method .....	37
Enquiries into cases of Infectious Diseases .....	50
Inspection of houses on complaint or otherwise .....	562
,, of work in progress .....	733
Mortar joints of brickwork repaired .....	35
Miscellaneous defects remedied .....	11
Outbuildings or Washhouses repaired or rebuilt .....	4
Poultry or animals removed .....	3
Schools inspected .....	5
Sink or other wastepipes removed, disconnected or trapped .....	12
Sinks, new channels provided or repaired .....	1
Slaughterhouse inspections.....	357
Stairs repaired .....	3
Stoneware gullies provided.....	2
W.C.'s, Walls and ceilings repaired .....	9
,, additional provided.....	3
,, flushing apparatus provided or repaired .....	42
,, new pans and traps provided .....	3
,, structural defects remedied .....	14
Water supplies provided.....	3
Window frames repaired.....	24
Window sashes hung so as to open to full size and cords renewed .....	21
Vermineous rooms cleansed .....	142
Yard pavement repaired or provided in connection with houses .....	6
Preliminary Notices served .....	101
Statutory Notices served.....	78



## Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

### 1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES. Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises.  (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)
Factories..... (Including Factory Laundries).	22	—	—
Workshops..... (Including Workshop Laundries).	27	—	—
Workplaces ..... (Other than Outworkers' premises).	5	—	—
TOTAL.....	54	—	—

### 2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

PARTICULARS.  (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
Nuisances under the Factories Act, 1937 :				
Want of Cleanliness .....	5	3	—	—
Want of Ventilation.....	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding .....	—	—	—	—
Want of Drainage Floors.....	—	—	—	—
Other Nuisances .....	—	—	—	—
Sanitary                    { Insufficient .....	—	—	—	—
Accommodation.        { Unsuitable or Defective...	—	—	—	—
{ Not Separate for Sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Offences under the Factories Act, 1937 :				
Illegal Occupation of Underground Bake-house (s. 101).....	—	—	—	—
Other Offences .....	—	—	—	—
(Excluding Offences relating to the out-work and Offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers Order, 1921.)				
TOTAL.....	5	3	—	—

During the year the following work in the eradication of bugs was carried out :—

(a) Council houses found to be infested .....	29
(b) Other houses .....	42

Council houses disinfected :—

(a) By gassing with "Cimex" .....	0
(b) By gassing with "Thermatox" .....	12
(c) By spraying and burning insecticides .....	16

Other houses disinfected :—

(a) By gassing with "Cimex" .....	3
(b) By gassing with "Thermatox" .....	19
(c) By spraying and burning insecticides .....	21

Verminous households fumigated before removal to a Council house or during transfer to another Council house .....

33

Council houses inspected and found clean.....

43

Other houses inspected and found clean .....

66

Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-laws.  
These are as follows :—

Common Lodging Houses .....	6
Slaughter Houses .....	2
Houses let in Lodgings .....	6
Cowsheds .....	12
Dairies and Milkshops .....	25

### Housing Statistics.

<b>I.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.</b>	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	1601
(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose ...	1781
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under subsection (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ... ..	—
(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose ...	—
(3) (a) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. ...	168
<b>II.—Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal Notices.</b>	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their officers ... ..	104

## Housing Statistics, (continued).

### III.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

#### A.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 AND 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) by owners ... ..	1
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners ...	—

#### B.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	94
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) by owners ... ..	71
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners ...	—

#### C.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	—

#### D.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .. .. .	—

### IIII.—Housing Act, 1936.—Part 4—Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... .. Indeterminable	
(2) Number of families dwelling therein ..	
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein ..	
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..	11
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..	11
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	52
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... ..	—
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ...	—

The problem of evacuation and the fact that Maidstone is still a "Reception" area and has had a large influx of population both from London and the coastal towns, together with the loss of many houses from enemy action, has created much difficulty in the matter of overcrowding. It is impossible to give a figure of the number of overcrowded houses and this problem varies in degree from week to week, but it is certain that it has been aggravated by the immigration of evacuees, homeless people and the relatives of soldiers from elsewhere.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The number of carcasses inspected and condemned during the year was as follows :—

	Cattle ex- cluding cows	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed and inspected ...	2135	125	243	5625	7102
<b>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS.</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	3	—	1	13
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	116	5	—	6	110
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	5·4	6·4	—	·12	1·7
<b>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	8	20	—	—	11
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	44	22	—	—	73
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	2·7	33·6	—	—	1·1

During the year, the following quantities of foods of various descriptions were found to be unfit for human consumption. This unfit food, all of which was surrendered and destroyed, included the following :—

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Tinned foods ...		12	3	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Hams ...		1	—	13 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Tongue ...				3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Fish ..		7	4	15
Brisket ...				14
Corned beef ...				24
Sausages ...				19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Jellied veal ...				12
Butter ...			1	20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Cake flour ...				23

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Bacon ...	2	5	3	4
Pressed beef ...				22
Pies, etc. ...			1	6½
Cakes ...				22
Boiled beef ...			1	8
Brawn .. ...			1	8
Bananas ...	3	4	3	7
Rabbits ...		2	2	8
Plums ...	14	10	2	5
Eggs (Canadian), 1 case.				
Lamb, Mutton, beef, etc.		3		
Boar pork		1	1	20
Forequarter of pork			1	22
„ „ beef			1	22
4 galantines				16

### Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

I give below, in tabular form details of the cases of notifiable disease which occurred in the Borough during 1940, other than Tuberculosis :—

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	50	50	—
Diphtheria ... ..	7	7	—
Enteric Fever .. ...	2	2	—
Puerperal Fever and „ Pyrexia ... ..	8	8	—
Pneumonia ... ..	19	16	33
Erysipelas... ..	5	2	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	—	—
Poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	8	8	5
Measles ... ..	12	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	71	—	—
Totals ... ..	194	93	38

The number of cases of scarlet fever shows an increase over 1939, but the cases of diphtheria have fallen from 28 in 1939, to 7. I am convinced that this gratifying result is due to the success of the campaign for immunisation of the children against diphtheria and urge that every child should have this protection.

I give below an analysis of the notifications of infectious disease according to the Wards of the Borough in which they occurred :—

		High St.	Stone St.	King St.	North	Heath	Bridge
Scarlet Fever	...	3	21	6	4	8	8
Diphtheria	... ..	—	6	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia	... ..	3	4	8	2	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	... ..	—	2	1	2	—	3
Erysipelas	... ..	—	4	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		—	2	—	—	—	—
Anterior Polio-myelitis		—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis		—	5	—	2	1	—
Measles	... ..	3	4	2	—	3	—
Whooping Cough	... ..	9	28	5	17	8	4

Below is a table showing the number of pathological specimens from the Borough examined at the Kent County Laboratories and the results :—

Disease for which examination was made.	Results.		Total.
	Positive.	Negative.	
Diphtheria .....	6	166	172
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	51	335	386
Various .....	40	32	72
	97	533	630

#### CANCER.

The number of deaths from cancer in Maidstone during the past 5 years is as follows :—

	number of deaths
1936 .....	78
1937 .....	69
1938 .....	80
1939 .....	85
1940 .....	80



**Deaths from Cancer during 1940 under  
age groups.**

Age Periods.	Male.	Female.
0	—	—
1	—	—
5	—	—
15	—	—
25	—	—
35	—	—
45	1	1
55	3	9
65 and upwards.	26	40
Totals	30	50

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Cases.			Vision Unim- paired.	Vision Im- paired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
Notified.	Treated.					
	At Home.	In Hospital.				
2	2	—	2	—	—	—

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0    ...    ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1    ...    ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
5    ...    ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
15   ...    ...	1	2	3	5	—	—	—	1
25   ...    ..	5	9	1	—	2	3	—	—
35   ...    ...	8	9	—	3	4	2	—	—
45   ...    ...	4	4	1	—	1	1	—	—
55   ...    ...	5	4	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	3	—	1	5	3	—	—
Totals    ...	23	32	6	9	13	9	1	2

The number of deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis which had been notified was 18. The number which had not been notified was 7.

The ratio of non-notified Tuberculosis deaths to the total number of Tuberculosis deaths was thus .28 to 1.

**TABLE Ia.**  
**Analysis of Cases of Notifiable Diseases under**  
**Age Groups.**

Disease.	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over.	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	1	2	2	4	7	12	9	9	1	3	—	—	50
Diphtheria .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	7
Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	8
Pneumonia .....	2	5	1	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	7	—	19
Erysipelas .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	5
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Enteric Fever .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	1	1	1	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	8
Whooping Cough	8	9	6	7	8	20	3	1	2	1	6	—	71
Measles .....	1	—	2	—	1	1	1	—	4	2	—	—	12
Totals.....	16	18	13	13	17	38	16	11	17	7	18	2	184

**TABLE Ib.**  
**Analysis of Deaths of Notifiable Diseases under**  
**Age Groups.**

Disease.	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over	Total.
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Cerebro-Spinal- Fever .....	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	5
Puerperal Sepsis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Puerperal Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia .....	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	9	12	33
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	5
Totals.....	8	2	1	...	2	1	1	...	3	3	11	12	44

TABLE IIa.

Causes of Death.							M.	F.
All Causes ... ..							330	333
1	Typhoid fever, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
6	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	4	7
7	Encephalitis Lethargica	..	...	...	...	...	...	1
8	Cerebro-spinal fever	...	..	...	...	...	2	3
9	Respiratory Tuberculosis	...	..	...	...	...	17	7
10	Other Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
11	Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	6	1
12	General paralysis of insane, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	39	41
14	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	3	5
15	Cerebral Hemorrhage, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	21	36
16	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	73	62
17	Aneurysm	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
18	Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	10	9
19	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	33	29
20	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	17	16
21	Other Respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
22	Peptic Ulcer...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
23	Diarrhoea, (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
24	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
25	Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	Other liver diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	7	13
28	Acute and Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
29	Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	Other puerperal diseases	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
31	Congenital Debility, prem. birth etc.	...	...	...	...	...	10	10
32	Senility	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
33	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
34	Other Violence	..	...	...	...	...	34	40
35	Other defined causes	...	...	...	...	...	31	38
36	Ill-defined or not known	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Special Causes (included in No. 35 above).								.
	Small-pox	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	..	...	...	1
	Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...



TABLE IV.

ANNUAL STATISTICS RELATING TO MATERNITY HOME FOR YEAR 1940.

(1) Name and address of Institution	Maternity Hospital, South Park, Maidstone.
(2) Number of Maternity beds in the Institution (exclusive of isolation and labour beds).	12
(3) Number of Maternity cases admitted during the year	202
(4) Average duration of stay	14 days.
(5) Number of cases delivered by— (a) Midwives (b) Doctors	184 18
(6) Number of cases in which medical assistance was sought by a midwife in emergency	Daily visits by Medical Officer.
(7) Number of cases notified as— (a) Puerperal Fever (b) „ Pyrexia	— 7
(8) Number of cases of Pemphigus Neonatorum.	—
(9) Number of Infants not entirely breast-fed while in the Institution	31
(10) Number of cases notified as :— (a) Ophthalmia Neonatorum (b) Result of treatment in each case	— —
(11) Number of Maternal deaths	—
(12) Number of Infant Deaths— (a) Stillborn (b) within 10 days of birth	8 4









